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THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 14.

We understand the Circuit Clerk's office was broken open last Tuesday night and about 40 indictments, found at the last term of the Court, were taken out.

The Legislature has passed an act to adjourn on the 15th inst. and convene on the 15th of January next.

The Hon. Jas. L. Orr was inaugurated Governor of South Carolina on the 29th ult.

Smith & Chambers have received a large lot of Family Groceries. They have excellent wines.—Through their kindness we received a bottle of old Sherry, which we pronounce excellent. They are clever gentlemen, and deserve patronage.—We recommend their house to all who wish to buy Groceries. Read their new advertisement.

Joe Hardie & Co., are receiving a fine lot of Groceries, and will sell at reasonable prices. See adv't.

Judge Sterritt has an advertisement in to-day's paper.

Read the adv't of Hugh Montgomery.

TALLADEGA, ALA.,
Dec 12th, 1865

The Members and Honorary Members of the Young Men's Benevolent Association, are respectfully requested to attend a regular quarterly meeting of the Association, to be held Monday Night next Dec. 18th as business of importance will be transacted.

By order of the President.
MORRIS FRANK, Sec., Y. M. B A.

Gov. Jenkins, Governor elect of Georgia, will not permitted to take his seat for the present.

Provisional Governor Johnson, of Georgia, says he has orders not to issue certificates of election to the Congressmen elected from that State.

The Washington *Chronicle*, in an editorial, says Speaker Colfax endorses the President's reconstruction policy.

Hon. W. A. Graham, who was elected to the State Senate of North Carolina and refused a pardon, has been elected United States Senator, for the long term by a large majority.

IMPORTANT FROM TEXAS.—Through the kindness of Mr Flake, of the Galveston Bulletin, we have been put in possession of the following dispatch:

Austin, Nov. 26.—The Governor has issued his proclamation ordering an election for a Convention on the 8th of January.

The Convention will assemble on the 7th of February.—[N. O. Star, 19th inst.

OUR SENATORS.—The Cincinnati Commercial (Republican) says of our new Senators to Congress:

The election of Houston and Parsons, U. S. Senators from Alabama, is a favorable symptom. Houston was one of the most distinguished members of Congress from Alabama before the war, and during the war, overpowered by the ruling madness of his section, was silent. But that his counsels now will be those of wisdom, we have assurance in his large and varied experience as a public man, and the moderation and tone of his character. Parsons the Provisional Governor of the State, recently urged the Legislature to ratify the Constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, had established freedom forever—words worthy the occasion and to be memorable.

GOV. PARSONS' TELEGRAM.] The following is extracted from a report of the proceedings of Congress on the first day of its session, from the National Intelligencer:

Mr. Washburne sent up the following to the Clerk's table, which was read:

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 4.
Hon. Wm. H. Seward.

The amendment is adopted by an overwhelming vote. I will send you an authenticated copy at an early day. Please see that Alabama is announced as the twenty-seventh State.

L. E. PARSONS.

[Applause followed the reading of this dispatch.]

Hogs have declined in price in the Western portion of Indiana, on account of the cheapness of corn, which can be bought in fields along the Wabash Valley, at 15 cents per bushel.

Out of $400,000,000 worth of property in South Carolina in 1860 but $60,000,000 remains.

Of about forty forts constructed around the District of Columbia, only twelve are to be retained—nine north of the Potomac, and three south of that river.

Washington Dec. 9, 1865.—The President's Message was sent in to-day.

He says that resistance to the general Government having exhausted itself, the first question that arises is, whether the States which attempted to secede, shall be held as conquered territory under military authority from the President.

He holds that military governments for indefinite periods, would have no security for an early suppression of discontent, but would have divided the people into vanquishers and vanquished—would have produced hatred, rather than affection.—The true theory is to hold all the pretensions from the beginning. States cannot commit treason, nor screen the individual citizen who may have committed treason. The States that attempted to secede placed themselves in a condition where their functions were suspended, and not destroyed, but if any State neglects or refuses to perform its offices, there is more need why the Government should maintain its authority, and as soon as practicable resume the exercise of all its functions.

On this principle he acted gradually, and by almost imperceptible steps sought to restore the rightful authority of the Government and to that end appointed Provisional Governors.

All parties to the late war must work in harmony, and it is not asking too much for the one side to aid the policy of restoration and to act in conformity, with a willingness to cast the disorders of the past into oblivion; and to ask from the other, evidences of sincerity, and to pledge future maintenance of the Union beyond question, by ratifying the anti slavery amendment of the Constitution.

This amendment being adopted, it would remain for the States to resume their places in the two branches of Congress, and thereby complete the work of restoration. The President says he has no authority to make freedmen electors; that remains with the States. They can decide whether it is to be adopted at once or introduced gradually with condition, however, that good faith requires security for freedmen in rights of person and property and to compensation for their labor.

It will be his constant aim to promote peace and amity with all foreign nations. He believes them all actuated by the same disposition. The accordance of belligerent rights to the Southern States was unjustifiable, but England was an [illegible] materials and [illegible] ships for them. Justification for such a course could not be sustained before the tribunals of the world, but he does not advise any attempt at redress by legislation, for the good will of the two countries must rest upon a basis of mutual justice.

Thus far this Government has wisely forborne to become the propagandists of republicanism, but it should be a cause of great calamity to ourselves and to good government if any foreign powers should challenge the American people to its defence against foreign interference, and he relies on the wisdom and justice of those owners to respect the system of non-interference which has been so long sanctioned by time.

Raleigh, Dec. 4, 1865.—W. A. Graham has been elected United States Senator for the long term.

He was a member of the Confederate Senate, and has not been pardoned.

New York, Dec. 6.—Cotton dull and heavy at 50 cents. Sterling 9¾. Gold, 48¼.

Liverpool, Nov 24.—Sales of cotton for the week 57,000 bales, at a decline of ¼d. The market closed firm with middling Orleans at 20d.

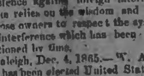
London, Nov. 24.—Political news unimportant.

Pigeon house Fort, commanding Dublin, has been strongly garrisoned since the 13th by a large military force.

Washington, Dec. 7.—In the Senate, to day, the Chairmen of the different committees were announced.

The House adjourned until Monday.

Fuller, Clarke and Weldrup, Representatives elect from North Carolina, have left for their homes. They are inclined to the opinion that the Southern delegates will not be admitted for several month.



MARRIED—On the 7th inst., at the residence of Mr. J. O. Burt, by the Rev. O. Welch, Mr. A. R. S. Moseley, of this place, to Miss Mattie Welch, of Marshallville.

Oh! happy pair, to every blessing heir!
For you may life's calm stream unruffled run
For you its roses bloom without a thorn.
And light as morning shine its evening sun!

ALSO.

On the 7th inst., by the Rev. R. B. Crawford, Dr. John L. Nickoals to Miss Annie E. Terry, daughter of Mr. Josiah Terry; all of this County.

"She is mine own;
And I am rich in having such a jewel
Than twenty seas, if all their sands were pearls
The water nectar, and the rocks pure gold.

ELECTION NOTICE.

THERE will be an election on Saturday, the thirtieth day of December, 1865, for Mayor and seven Aldermen for the town of Talladega to serve twelve months. The following named gentlemen will please act as judges of said election: Abner Jones, Wm. B. Kennedy and J. M. Thornton.

GILES C. PITTS,
Town Marshall.

Office Ass't Commissioner of Ala.,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN,
AND ABANDONED LANDS.
Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 28 1865.

General Orders No 16.

The following order is published for the information of all concerned:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, Nov. 11. 1865.

It having been officially reported to this Department that a large number of animals marked as the property of the United States, are, by exchange, abandonment, or otherwise, in possession of citizens of Alabama, and employed in raising necessary food, it is ordered that the Assistant Commissioner of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for that State, be charged with the control of such cases, and will take up such property only when the U. S. has an equitable title, and the animals are not indispensibly employed in agricultural pursuits.

Animals which have been seized as above, and the proceeds of the sale of such as have been sold, will also be transferred under the above order.

Signed EDWIN M. STANTON,
Sec'y of War.

No seizures under this order will be made, except on written orders from this office specifying the property to be taken. Such orders will be issued only on strong presumption of fraud, and right of trial be afforded.

By order of
Bt. Maj Gen Wager Swayne.
C. CADLE, Jr.,
Assistant Adjutant General.

MR SUMNER'S BILL.—The following is the oath prescribed in Mr. Sumner's bill, introduced in the U. S. Senate on the 4th inst., to maintain a Republican form of Government in States in rebellion:

I do hereby swear that I will at all times hereafter use my best endeavors to maintain a republican form of government in the State of which I am an inhabitant, and in the Union of the United States, and I will at all times recognize the indissoluble unity of the Republic, and will always discountenance and resist any endeavors to break away or secede from the Union, that I will give my influence and act at all times to sustain the national credit, that I will always discountenance and resist any attempt directly or indirectly, to repudiate or protract either in any part or in any way, any debt which was contracted in the United States, in subduing the rebellion or the obligations assumed to Union soldiers, and that I will always discountenance and resist any one making any distinctions of color or race, and will always strive to maintain a State Government loyal to the Union, where all men shall enjoy equal protection and equal rights.

This oath is to be observed and any one who may take and in any way violate it shall be guilty of and punished for perjury, and he shall forfeit all right to office thereafter.—The bill was ordered to be printed.

The same gentleman introduced another bill to preserve the right of trial by jury, which provides that grand juries shall consist of one half of persons of African descent, in sections where one sixth of the population are Africans, and the same proportion in petit jurors, where the matter relates to any injuries inflicted by a person not of such descent, and vice versa, and prejudice against such African race is made a ground of challenge and exclusion from such juries. The bill was ordered to be printed.

FOUND

UNDER an old house on my premises, a sack of clothes, two coats, one pair of pants. All apparently new, having never been worn, or very little, which the owner can get by proving property and paying expenses.

P. S.—I have no doubt, but, they are stolen goods. H. MONTGOMERY.

December 12, 1865.

STATE OF ALABAMA, TALLADEGA COUNTY

Probate Court, Special Term,
Dec. 8, 1865.

Estate of *Uriah Sparks*, dec'd.

THIS day came Aaron Parker, Administrator of the Estate of URIAH SPARKS, dec'd. and filed an account current between himself and said Estate, together with the vouchers relied on to sustain the credit side of his account, also the names, ages and residences of the heirs at law of said Estate, for a partial settlement of his administration on said Estate.

It is therefore ordered that Thursday, the 11th day of January 1865, be a day set apart for such settlement before this Court, and that notice thereof be given by publication in the "Alabama Reporter," a newspaper published in the town and county of Talladega, once a week for three weeks successively.

WM. H. THORNTON,
Judge of Probate.

To His HONOR W. H. SMITH;

We, the Grand Jury for the County of Talladega have the honor to report:

We have examined the Court House, and deem it unnecessary to suggest any repairs at present.

There is no Jail in the county but as the Commissioner's Court have assessed a Special Tax of one hundred per cent. on the State Tax for the purpose of providing one, it will only be necessary for us to urge upon the Court the pressing necessity for their continued prompt and vigorous action in the premises.

We have examined the Books of the County Treasurer and find that he has received since his last settlement Twenty thousand six hundred and eighty seven 18-100 Dollars, and disbursed Ten thousand five hundred and eighty-six 60-100 Dollars, leaving a balance on hand of Ten thousand one hundred and 28-100 dollars in Confederate currency.

The Books of the County officers are neatly and properly kept.

The Bonds of the County officers are in form and amply secured.

The public roads in the County are for most part in a deplorable condition. The disorganized condition of the labor system of the country has rendered it impossible for overseers of roads to enforce the usual or necessary amount of labor on roads, and hence we deem it proper to pass the subject with this general presentment.

The limits of this report will not admit of an extended notice of all matters which would perhaps properly receive notice at our hands. The condition of the country is an anomalous one, having but just emerged from a Revolution unparallelled in magnitude by anything in modern times. The entire fabric of society has become disorganized and well nigh destroyed. Crimes of certain characters had been so frequently indulged in as to have become "almost respectable." Feelings of such embittered hostility had been engendered as to seriously imperil the future happiness and prosperity of the country. In all this there was blended a degree of political asperity which if cultivated could be attended only by the most ruinous results to the peace of the country.

Under this state of things acts have been committed, which under ordinary circumstances, would, to say the least, have been inadmissible in a well regulated society. But having at the time apparently received the quasi-sanction of the then existing government, both civil and military, we have not considered it promotive of the "Public good" to take such action in the premises as would perhaps have been appropriate under other and different circumstances.

We deem it our province and duty to earnestly entreat our people to forget, as far as possible, the errors and injuries of the past, and unite in a patriotic effort to restore and humiliated, our impoverished country to its former greatness and prosperity.

The new relation of the white and black races in our State, has thoroughly deranged and for the present destroyed the labor system of the country as applied to agricultural purposes.

The negro in his new relation is worthless as a laborer and without vigorous Legislative action on this subject, the agricultural interests of the country must inevitably suffer.

In this connection we would recommend to our Legislature the passage of a law conferring upon magistrates jurisdiction in all cases of misdemeanors committed by negroes, and that in lieu of punishment by imprisonment in the county jail, they be authorized to put them at labor on the public roads under overseers appointed by the Commissioner's court, not to exceed four, and paid out of the county treasury. We also recommend that laws of apprenticeship, and vagrancy, be modified that in their application to negroes they be simple, summary and onerous.

The thanks of the Grand Jury are hereby tendered to his Honor Judge Smith for his clear, logical, and appropriate charge, together with his uniform courtesy to our body.

Our thanks are due and hereby tendered to Messrs Bishop & Winborne, who have served alternately as Solicitor, for their aid, courtesy, and advice.

The Sheriff, courtesy, and P. Plowman, has been unremitting in his efforts to respond to all demands [illegible] Mr. Adams our [illegible] body. The Bailiff, untiring in his [illegible] been uniform and [illegible]

Respectfully submitted,

John T Hendrick, Foreman.
N D Johnson, Wm Montgomery,
A Lawson, P M Allen,
John C Terry, O Storey,
W B Boaz, [illegible] Oden,
T as L Best, J. Lewis,
D N Jackson, [illegible] Henderson,
Robert Prather, [illegible] ealey,
Ransom William Edwards,

JOHN G. BELL. [illegible] BELL.

JOHN G. BELL & BRO.

COTTON FACTORS
—AND—
Commission Merchants
WATER STREET
SELMA, ALABAMA.

Office in the Building of S. L. [illegible] son & Son.

June 28, '65-tf.

ROBERT HALLIDAY, MILL WRIGHT,

Talladega, Alabama.

June 1, 1865.

November, 14, 1865.

SMITH & CHAMBERS,

EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE,

Have just received and will continue to receive fresh lots of CHOICE GROCERIES, which they propose to sell *low for Cash.*

Call and examine our fine lot of LOUISIANA SUGAR and you will not go away displeased.

Also, Always on Hand

BACON
LARD
PORK
COFFEE
MOLASSES
OYSTERS
LOBSTERS
COTTON
CANDY
STARCH
HERRINGS
SODA
FRESH FRUIT
CAN FRUIT
SOAP
TEA
NUTMEGS
PORTER
&c., &c., &c.

FLOUR
SALT
CANDLES
TOBACCO
CRACKERS
SALMON
SARDINES
CARDS
CIGARS
COD FISH
RICE
DRIED FRUIT
MACKEREL
SNUFF
PEPPER
SPICE
ALE
&c, &c.

We have also just received several cases of
WOLFE'S SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS,
OLD MADEIRA WINE,
OLD SHERRY WINE
OLD PORT WINE,
FIRE WORKS,
SKY ROCKETS, &c., &c., for the Christmas holidays.

Come now, one and all, make no delay. Here you'll find GEORGE CHAMBERS every night and day, right behind the counter, in a pleasant mood, always glad to show you our stock of goods.

Talladega, December 11, 1865. tf

A. G. STOREY.............. J. A. STOREY.

A. G. Storey & J. A. Storey

ARE now opening a general assortment of

GOODS,

at the old stand of
Cunningham & Storey:

Their friends, and the public generally, are respectfully invited to call and examine their stock. Inducements offered to purchasers who wish to buy to sell again.

Talladega, Ala., Nov. 20, 1865

TAUL BRADFORD.............. J. H. ISBELL.

BRADFORD & ISBELL, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

Talladega, Alabama.

WILL Practice in all the Courts of Talladega and adjoining counties and in the Supreme Court.

Office up stairs above Warwick's Jewelry Store. oct5tf.

STATE OF ALABAMA, TALLADEGA COUNTY.

PROBATE COURT, SPECIAL TERM,
December 4th, 1865.

Estate of Isaac Kirksey, dec'd.

THIS day came A. O. Kirksey, Administrator of the Estate of Isaac Kirksey, deceased, and filed in Court his petition for an order to sell the Mill known as "Kirksey's Mill," on Eastaboga creek, with thirty acres of land adjacent and attached thereto, being part of the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section 33, township 16, range 6, east in the Coosa Land District, with all the water privileges, roads, water-race, appertaining to said Mill and Land, on the grounds that said Mill and property is rapidly decaying and for the further purpose of distribution among the heirs of said Estate, to-wit: Walter S. A. Kirksey, Mrs. Eliza J. Rather, wife of Dan'l Rather; James J. Kirksey and Mrs Rebecca D. Rakestraw, wife of Anderson Rakestraw, residing in the State of Texas; Mrs. Mary F. Smith, wife of Henry Smith, residing in Jackson county Ala.; A. O. Kirksey, in Calhoun county, Ala., and John G. Kirksey, William Kirksey, all the above of full age. Emma C. Kirksey, minor; Mrs. Laura J. Hannon, a minor, wife of Edmond Hannon; and Geo. A. Kirksey, a minor, the last five residing in Talladega county, Ala.

It is therefore ordered that Wednesday, the 17th day of Jan'y, 1866, be a day set apart for hearing said petition before this Court, and that notice thereof be given by publication in the Alabama Reporter, a newspaper published in the town and county of Talladega, once a week for six weeks successively and to the heirs residing in this State by citations served on them personally, ten days before the day set for hearing said petition.

WM. H. THORNTON,
Judge of Probate.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

LETTERS of Administration on the Estate of John H. Owen, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of Nov., 1865, by the Hon. Wm. H. Thornton, Judge of Probate of Talladega county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law or that the same will be barred.

JOHN HENDERSON, Adm'r.
[illegible] '65

FOR LIVERPOOL.

MR. J. H. FRANKLIN, of our firm will leave in a few weeks for Liverpool on business connected with our firm. This will afford a fine opportunity for persons wishing to ship cotton and purchase supplies in that market. He will give his personal attention to any consignments entrusted to his care at a moderate commission, and from his knowledge of the Liverpool market we have no hesitation in saying will give satisfaction to all who may favor him.

JAMES H. FRANKLIN & CO.
dec6 1m Selma, Ala.

NEW FALL & WINTER GOODS,

AT LOW PRICES,

—AT—

M. SOLOMON'S

EAST SIDE THE SQUARE ONE DOOR SOUTH OF PARSON'S LAW OFFICE.

I MOST RESPECTFULLY invite the attention of the Public to my large and extensive stock of

STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS,

Consisting in part of

BLACK & FANCY FRENCH CASSIMERES

CALICOES, POPLINS,
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BLACK SILK, TWEEDS,
JEANS, (Ky) NET SHIRTS,
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MERINOS, (English and French.)

Trimmings of every description.

HOSIERY, BELT RIBBONS,
BUCKLES, LINENS,

Red White and Fancy

FLANNELS,

NECK TIES, and a variety of Notions.

Queens & Glass Ware.

—o—

My stock of Hardware comprises in part

AXES, TRACE CHAINS,
SHOVELS, SPADES,
TIN WARE, DYE STUFFS,

and various other articles too numerous to mention

Also, Powder and Shot.

CALL AND EXAMINE BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE.

No Charge for Exhibition.

I am very thankful to the citizens of Talladega and vicinity for the liberal patronage extended to me since I opened in this place. And I shall make it my duty to please my customers in price as well as in *quality of goods.* I will make it to their interest to call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

M. SOLOMON.

P. S.—I will pay the highest market price for Dried Fruits. Also for Beeswax. M. S.

Talladega, November 29th, 1865.

JAMES ISBELL

Has two Family Residences and three Law offices for rent.

He also has a fine, handsome rosewood Piano, and a second hand Carriage, for sale.

His shop the past year done all its work for cash, but many of his customers have kept running accounts. They will please call and pay.

Nov, 29th, 1865 6t

WHITE LABOR AGENCY.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 7, 1865.

WE are prepared to furnish white Immigrant Labor, in any quantity, of any nationality, delivered at Montgomery, at the following rates:—

Rates of Hire for White Labor, LABORERS.

Men, per year..................	$150 00
Women, per year...............	100 00
Children, (of 12 or 14 years of age,) per year............	50 00
House Servants, per month.....	15 00

PAYABLE AT THE END OF THE YEAR!

They contract for One Year, to do the same work as the negro, live in the same cabins, and on the same rations, clothe themselves and pay their own Doctor's bills. Time lost by sickness deducted from wages.

ONE in every SIX of Germans, &c., to speak English.

Cost of Transportation, $30 per head, to accompany orders, but to be deducted from wages.

ORDERS DISPATCHED FROM this OFFICE, every Saturday.

We will forward them to any point charging the additional transportation from Montgomery—or forward from Mobile.

DILLARD McMINN & CO.

NEW GOODS,

OPENING OF NEW
FALL & WINTER
GOODS,
—AT—
Meyers & Meyering's,

At "the Old Brick Corner," (Bradford's Building.)

TALLADEGA.

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Thanking the people of Talladega and vicinity for the patronage bestowed upon the undersigned, they beg to inform the public that they opened this day a large and well selected stock of Goods, consisting, in part, of

Ladies' Dress Goods,

To which we call the particular attention of the Ladies.

FRENCH
AND ENGLISH
MERINOS, (all wool.)
DE LAINES, POPLINS,
POIL DE CHEVRE, CALICOES
FLANNELS, LINSEYS,
LINENS, BLANKETS,
DOMESTIC GOODS,
HOSIERY,
GLOVES,
SHAWLS & CLOAKS,
Of the Latest Styles,
LADIES' HATS,
Trimmed and untrimmed.
RIBBONS,
FANCY GOODS,
Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Clothing,
Neckties,
Collars,
Shirts,
Hats,
Boots,
Shoes,

Undershirts,
Drawers,
Travelling
Shirts,
Trunks,
Valises,
&c., &c.

We beg to call particular attention to our large assortment of

BOOTS & SHOES,

Tobacco, Crockery,
Segars, Cutlery,
Tableware.

Having great facilities at command, at all the principal markets, we are able to offer great inducements, and solicit a call before purchasing elsewhere.

MEYERS & MEYERING,
Talladega.

Branch at Jacksonville, Ala.
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